









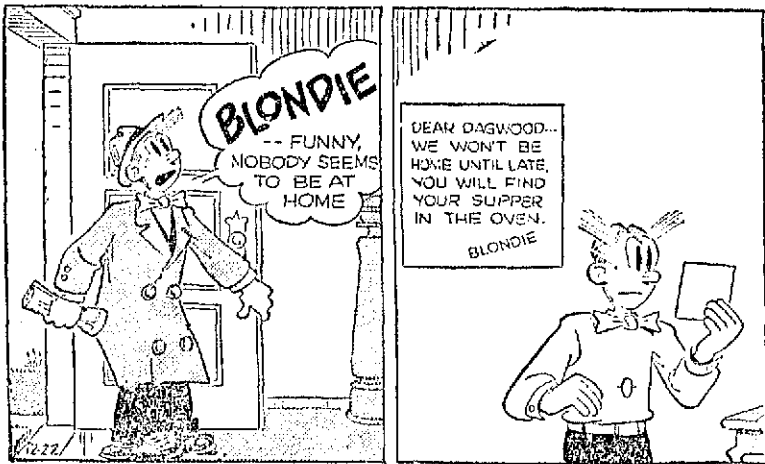




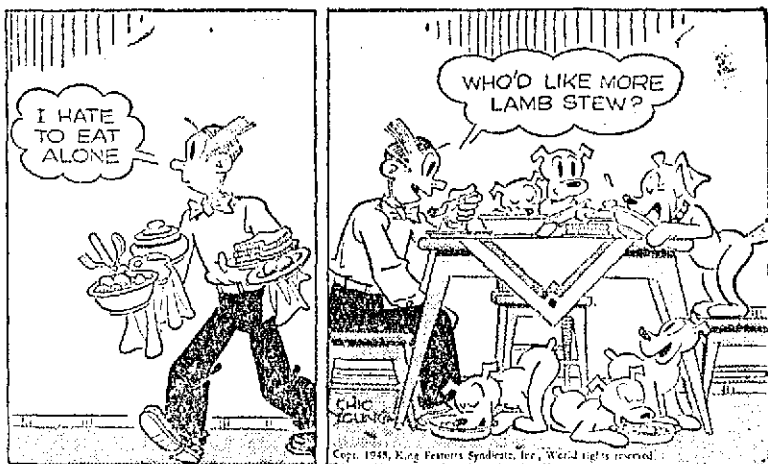




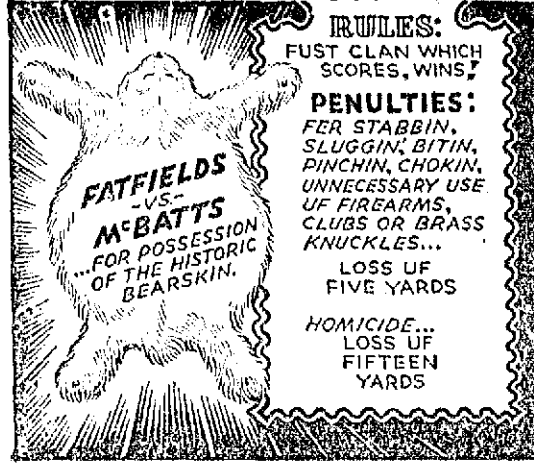
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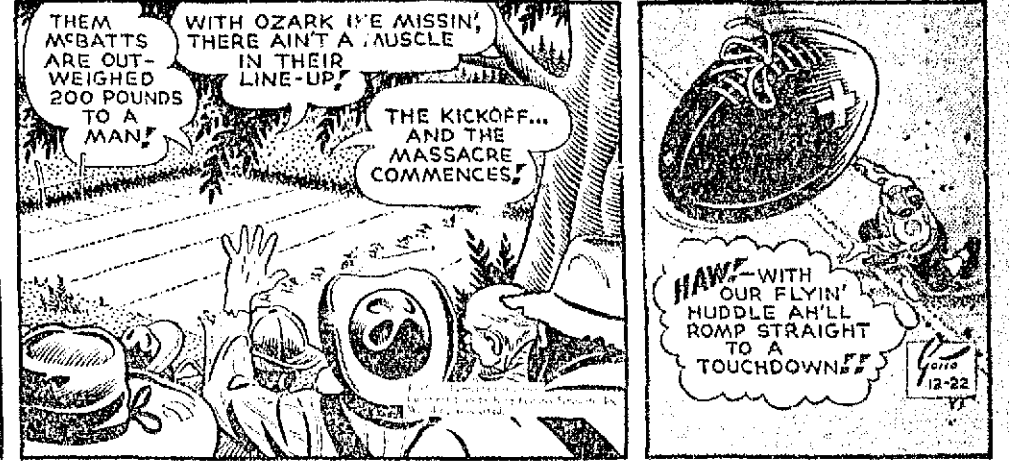
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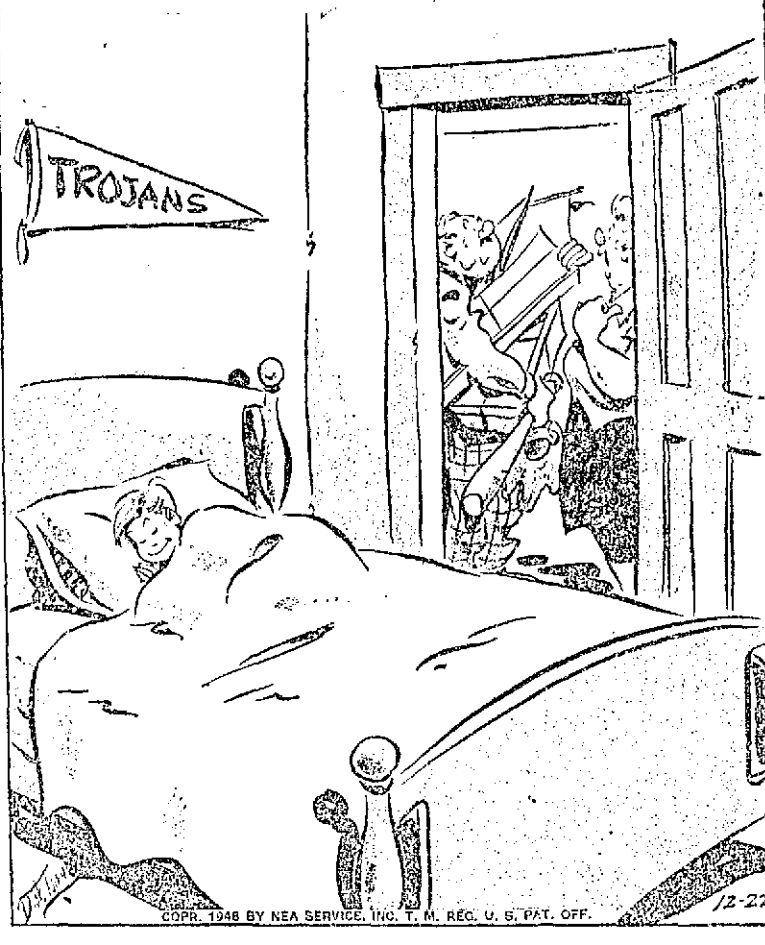
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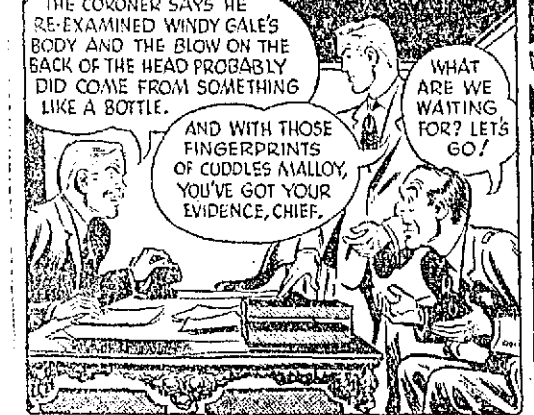


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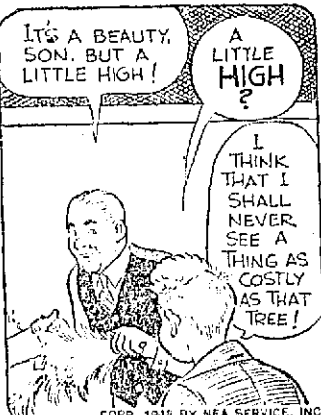
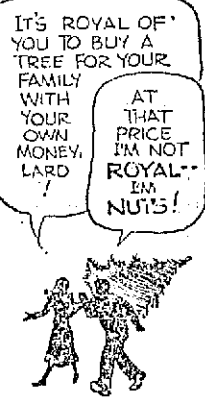
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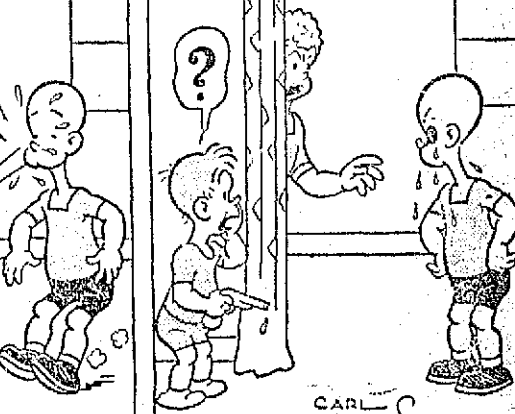
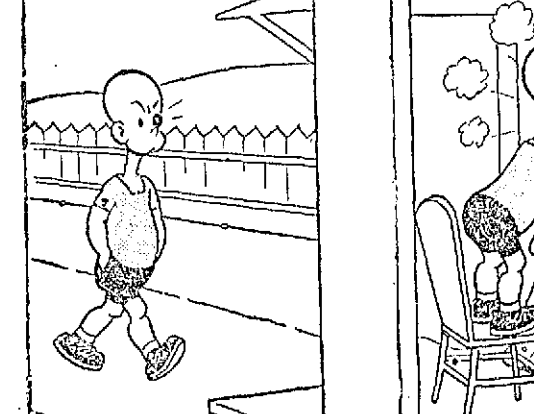
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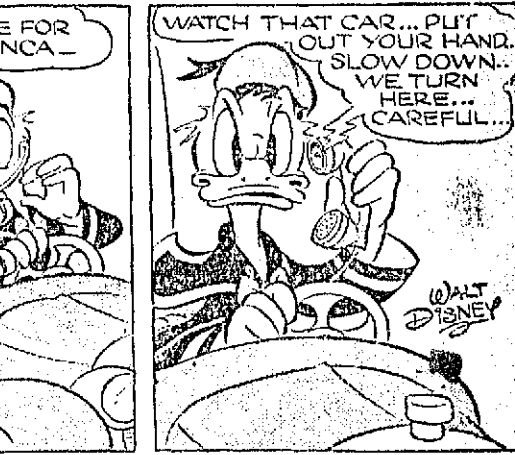
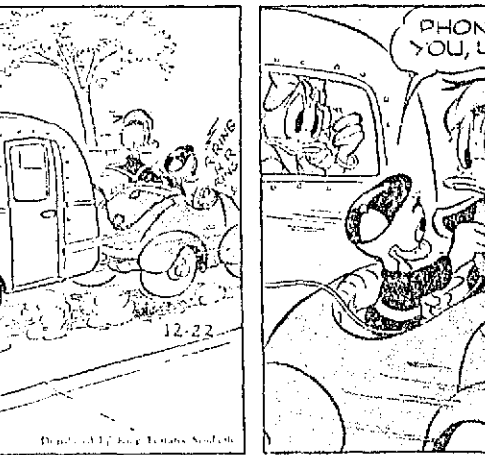
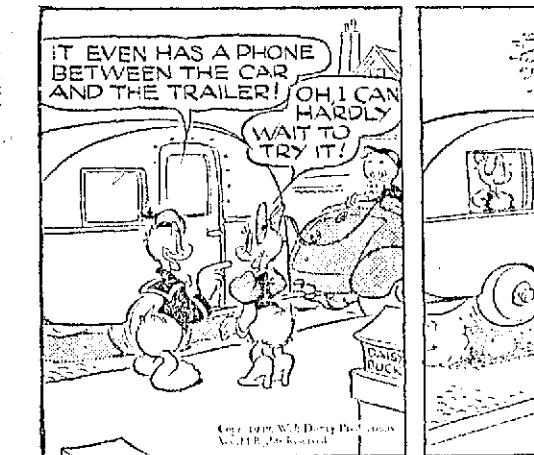
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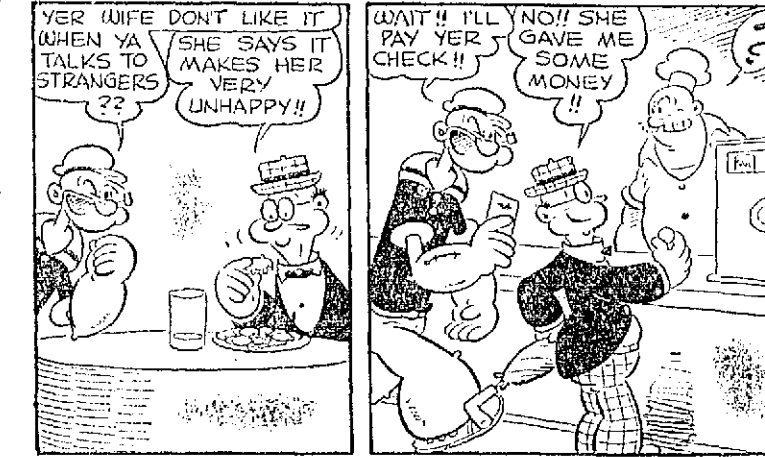
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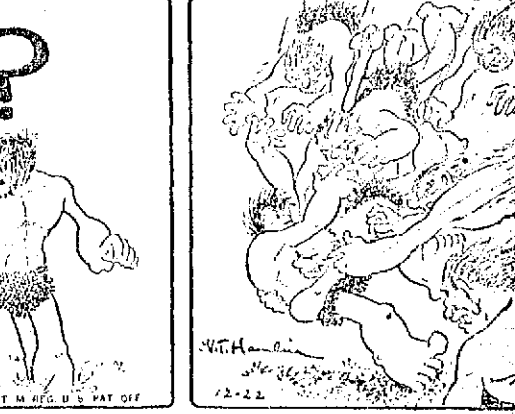
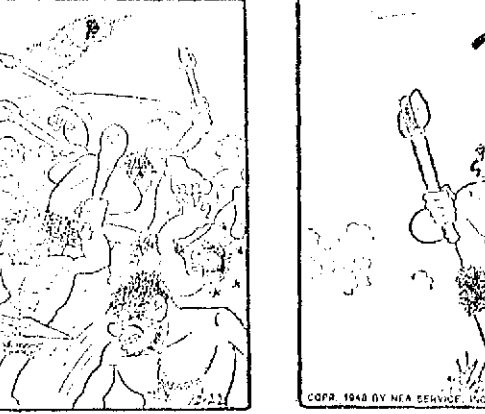
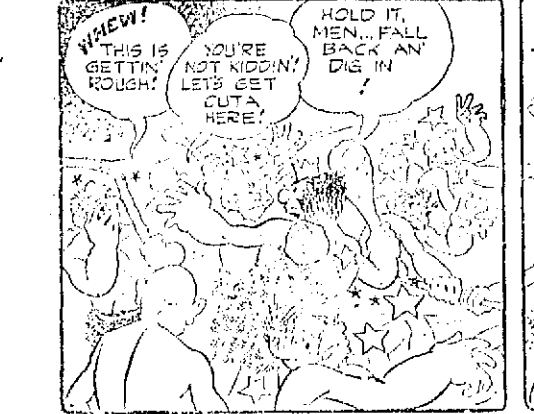


THIMBLE THEATER

By Major Hoople



BOOTS



OUT OUR WAY

By J. R. Williams

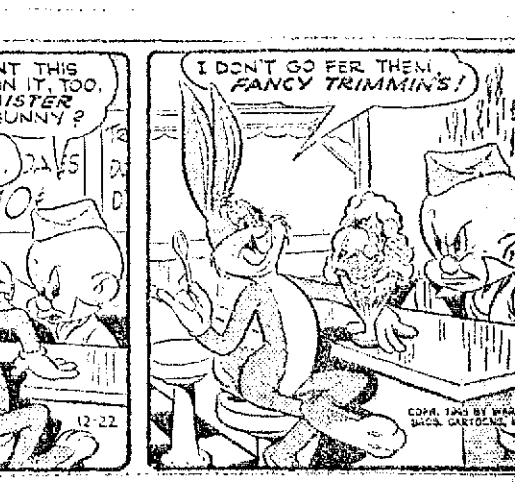
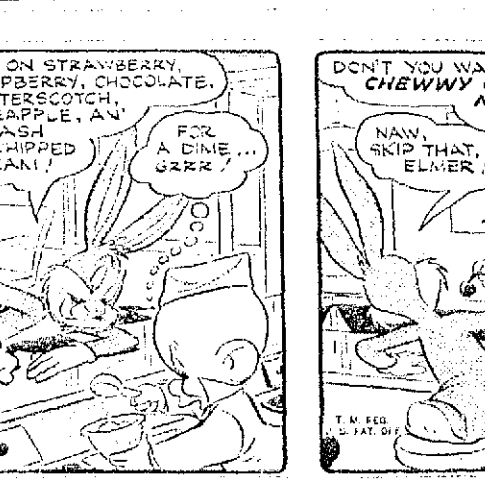
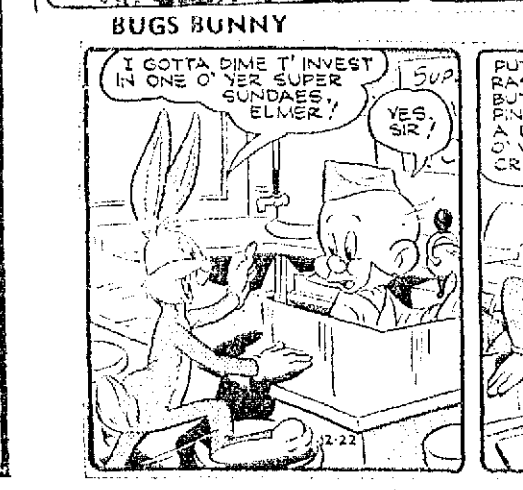
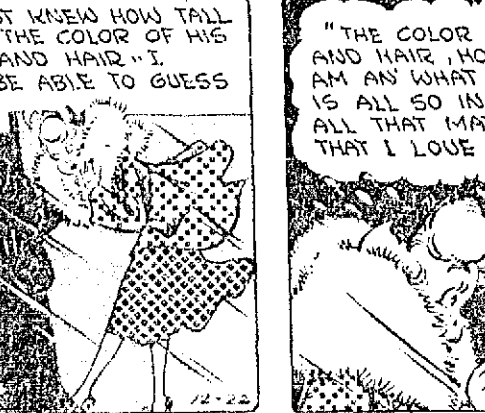


OUR BOARDING HOUSE

With Major Hoople



BUGS BUNNY





### British Rations to Be Effective Christmas Also

London, Dec. 21 — (AP) — British will get a slight addition to their tightly rationed diet for Christmas. The ministry of food has allocated an extra half pound of sugar.

### Wheat Crop Forecast Shows Drop

Washington, Dec. 21 — (AP) — The Agriculture Department has forecast next year's winter crop at 25,290,000 bushels.

This estimate, 25,290,000 bushels, compares with the 1947 record of 25,290,000 bushels, and with the 1937-46 average of 25,290,000.

Next year's combined winter and spring crop would total 1,239,495,000 bushels if the spring crop should equal 253,000,000 bushels—the average for the past five years.

Such a combined crop in 1949 would compare with this year's total of 1,239,495,000 bushels. The spring crop should equal 253,000,000 bushels—the average for the past five years.

The average seed of the present crop increased or decreased from 1945 seedings and indicated production, respectively, of winter wheat in Missouri was 2,019,000 acres, increase and 34,179,000 bushels.

#### World's Oldest

The oldest effective insurance company in the world is Lloyd's of London, named for an 18th century coffee house where merchants gathered to exchange trade information.

A quarter of a pound of tea and two ounces of candy for each ration book holder. Normal weekly rations are a half pound of sugar, two ounces of tea and three ounces of candy.

A "small amount" of non-rationed meat loaf and sausage has been added to butchers' normal supplies.

### NOTICE

The Frozen Food Locker will be closed December 25th for Christmas Day.

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## Pre-Christmas VALUES

You'll find many real values. Buy at West Bros. Shop Now and Save.

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6.95 PANTS .... **5.20**

### STORE HOURS

Tonight & Thursday 8 o'clock — Friday night 7 o'clock

**WEST BROS.**

DEPARTMENT STORE

### Dutch Action in Indonesia Is Creating Another Crisis in Already Seething Orient

By DEWITT MACKENZIE  
AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

The Dutch action against the Indonesian republic is creating another dangerous crisis in an orient already seething with unrest.

Asian peoples are bound to construe this as a further demonstration of the Western imperialism against which many of them are in revolt. Striking evidence of this interpretation is contained in a statement by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Prime Minister of India.

Nehru told the Indian national congress party that Dutch military victories never will stop the Indonesian struggle for independence. He was applauded when he declared that no European power has any right to wage an aggressive action in Asia. And he added that India's freedom from British rule means the end of all imperialism and colonialism in the orient.

That is the view of one of the most powerful leaders of India's 300,000,000 newly freed people. And it would be difficult to combat the thesis that imperialism is indeed on its way out in the Far East. Britain tacitly recognized this when she granted independence to India, Pakistan and Burma.

However, while the Indonesian development is unfortunate, we shall do well not to be hasty in our judgment. It is easy to register our firm belief in the inherent right of any people to full independence. We must note that the Dutch admit the right of Indonesia to independence but are trying to create a commonwealth of nations of which the Indonesian republic would be a part.

But what rights, if any, has Holland in this question of independence? Well, in the first place the Netherlands established herself in the East Indies more than three centuries ago. Her roots run deep. The Dutch public has made heavy investments in Indonesia through the generations. So the Netherlands maintains that she is under obligations not only to protect the investments of her public but to safeguard the interests of all the 75,000,000 natives of the Indonesian archipelago.

That brings us up against the present crisis. There are in the East Indies several governments, of which the republic is one. The Dutch aim at creating an interim federal government of all these states pending the development of the commonwealth.

All the governments excepting the republic agreed to this arrangement. The Dutch say the republic blew first hot and then cold on the proposition, bowing to warring elements within the government.

Finally last weekend the Dutch took military "police action."

against the republic. They claimed that the Republican government had embarked on the preliminary of a general insurrection in Java and Sumatra.

Naturally this move by the Dutch has created something akin to consternation in United Nations circles. The U. N. good offices committee has been trying to mediate the dispute between the Netherlands and the Indonesian republic, and a U. S. delegation spokesman in Paris says the American government feels the Dutch have "broken faith" with the committee.

However, the Dutch are going ahead with their program. All high Republican leaders are in custody. The Netherlands troops have been cracking down on subversive elements without great opposition.

From a technical standpoint I suppose one would call the operation a success thus far. But the trouble is that while it may eliminate some trouble, it cannot cure. The struggle of the Indonesian republic to have its own way will still go on, especially since there are strong Communist elements in it.

This fresh upheaval is before the U. N. security council. Perhaps the U. N. may find a solution — perhaps.

### Armless Girl Gets Hands But Doesn't Like Them

Lovejoy, Ga., Dec. 21 — (AP) — blue-eyed Grace Purcell has "hands" at last but she doesn't like them.

The four-year-old child, born without hands and arms below the elbow, says the metal devices that have been strapped to her arm stumps are ugly.

But her parents and officials at the Georgia state welfare department, who provided the appliances, hope Grace will learn to use them.

Mrs. Helen Carr, supervisor of the department's division for crippled children, said the curly-haired child's reaction was not surprising.

"She has never had arms or hands," Mrs. Carr explained, "and she has no idea what they are for."

The appliances were provided after a specialist said it would be impossible to give Grace hands and fingers through plastic surgery. More than \$2,000 was contributed to a fund to provide the child with plastic arms and hands. The fund was started by Henry R. Lee, a railroad engineer, after he saw Grace weep in pain as his train passed the Purcell home. "Now Lee hopes to send Grace through college with the contributions."

### U. S. Denounces Political Changes in Latin America

Washington, Dec. 21 — (AP) — The State department today denounced the use of force in effecting political changes in Latin America as "deplorable" and inconsistent with the ideals of the American republics.

It said in a statement that the use of arms is "increasingly a danger to the countries of this hemisphere."

The department issued its announcement of policy as it disclosed that the United States is consulting with a number of the Latin American countries on what might properly be done to stabilize the hemisphere politically.

This move came in the wake of a series of revolts and unsuccessful uprisings in the past few months during which three Latin American governments have been overthrown and client others threatened.

The department said the United States assured the Latin American governments of its concern.

It said the United States wishes to make "every legitimate and useful effort to encourage Democratic and constitutional procedures."

"In the view of the government of the United States," the department's statement declared, "the use of force as an instrument of political change is not only deplorable, but is usually inconsistent with the acknowledged ideals of the American republics and increasingly a danger to all the countries of this hemisphere."

"If the use of force continues, it cannot fail to become a sufficiently serious issue to engage the attention of the American republics as a whole."

### Rovall Received Privately by Pope Pius

Vatican City, Dec. 21 — (AP) — Pope Pius received General Kenneth Rovall, United States Secretary of the Army, in a private audience today.

Rovall arrived in Rome last night after visiting military installations in Greece and Turkey. He plans to leave Wednesday for Trieste, Vienna and Berlin to inspect American troops and installations.

### Governor's Wife Is Pretty Good Paper Carrier

Little Rock, Dec. 21 — (AP) — Arkansas Governor's wife, Mrs. E. A. Bailey, was a paper carrier in one of Little Rock's better residential sections, got some special service yesterday afternoon.

Three newspapers were delivered to Mrs. Bailey's home. Mrs. Bailey's younger son, Philip, is the regular carrier. He was away from home today, and his mother, with his father and two brothers, by his mother's side, took the paper.

A city official said a truck driver was a poor carrier. "I usually with a street car, but I don't want to be a poor carrier," he reported.

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### Six Arkansas Guard Storage Garages Announced

Little Rock, Dec. 21 — (AP) — The state military department today announced award of a contract for construction of six new storage garages for Arkansas National guard units.

The contract went to William Peterson, Little Rock, on his low bid of \$165,900.

The garages are to be built at Bentonville, DeQueen, Hazen, Ozark, Warren and Fordyce. Peterson also was awarded a

contract for two other similar buildings, to be constructed when money becomes available. These will be built at Dumas and Brinkley at a total cost of \$50,000.

### Towers of Dallas Radio Station Topple

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 21 — (AP) — Radio station KRLD's two 478-foot towers toppled over early today, causing the 50,000 watt station to suspend its programs.

Manager Clyde Rembert said "we have no idea" why the towers collapsed.

They were constructed in recent years and were located near Garland, 15 miles east of Dallas. They fell to the ground at 3:30 a. m. while KRLD was off the air.

A temporary antenna was being rigged up and KRLD was expected to be back on the air within a few hours.

The station is owned by the Dallas Times Herald.

Rembert said the fallen towers would be rebuilt as quickly as possible.

Fluorescent lamps, using krypton gas instead of argon, give higher efficiency and, therefore, will decrease electric light bills.

### Drowned by Clothes

About 600 B.C., Dracon, the famous lawgiver, made a stirring speech and was smothered to death by a deluge of clothing, an Athenian gesture to show appreciation of speakers and actors.

### Do "Plate-Sores" Bother You?

If your "GUMS" itch, burn, or cause you discomfort, druggists will return money if the first bottle of "LETO'S" fails to satisfy. JOHN P. COX DRUG CO. — Adv

## Kroger Oven-Ready Turkey gives you MORE MEAT per pound

Kroger Oven-Ready Turkeys are completely cleaned, fully dressed, ready to roast. Giblets are cleaned, placed in carcass. Enjoy the tenderest, juiciest, easiest-to-fix turkey you ever had... a better value. (An 11-lb. Kroger Oven-Ready Turkey is equivalent to a 14-lb. New York Dressed Turkey.)

We will be Closed  
CHRISTMAS DAY  
and Sunday, Dec. 26th.

<b>HENS</b> Fancy, Large, Dressed and Drawn	<b>lb. 63c</b>
<b>GEESE</b> Northern, Fancy Quality. Dressed and Drawn.	<b>lb. 65c</b>
<b>Ducklings</b> Fancy Michigan. Save	<b>lb. 69c</b>
<b>Sliced Bacon</b> Armour Star or Premium.	<b>lb. 69c</b>
<b>Sliced Bacon</b> Cudahy Gold Coin.	<b>lb. 59c</b>
<b>Oysters</b> Kroger's.	<b>pt. Standards 69c Large Selects 79c</b>
<b>Smoked Ham</b> Armour Star, Swift's Premium.	<b>lb. 63c</b>
<b>Smoked Ham</b> Holly Brand, Tendered.	<b>lb. 59c</b>
<b>Smoked Picnics</b> Tendered.	<b>lb. 43c</b>
<b>Pork Hams</b> Cut From Corn Fed Porks.	<b>lb. 55c</b>

We reserve the right to limit Quantity Sales. These Prices effective, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

<b>SPRY</b> Fine Shortening	<b>3 lb. Tin 1.05</b>
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<b>Ritz Crackers</b> Made By Nabisco. Save.	<b>lb. 33c</b>
<b>Vanilla Waffers</b> Sunshine. In Cello Bag.	<b>4 1/2 oz. Pkg. 15c</b>
<b>Spotlight Coffee</b> Its Hot Dated. Save.	<b>lb. 40c</b>
<b>Kroger Bread</b> Its Always Fresh. Save.	<b>2 20 oz. loaves 27c</b>

<b>CRISCO</b> Fine for Pastries.	<b>3 lb. Tin 1.05</b>
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<b>Mixed Nuts</b>	<b>lb. 33c</b>
<b>Chocolate Drops</b> Kroger's Old Fashioned Candy.	<b>lb. Cello 33c</b>
<b>Santa Creams</b> Kroger, Assorted, Creams.	<b>lb. 29c</b>
<b>Manhattan Mix</b> Kroger Hard Candy.	<b>lb. Cello 29c</b>

<b>SNOWDRIFT</b> For Good Results.	<b>3 lb. Tin 1.05</b>
<b>Eatmore Oleo</b> Excellent for Cooking.	<b>2 lbs. 53c</b>
<b>Kroger Eggs</b> Gov't Graded Medium Size.	<b>Doz. 65c</b>
<b>Vanilla Extract</b> Kroger. Pure, High Quality.	<b>1 1/2 oz. Bottle 19c</b>

<b>WESSON OIL</b> Fine for Salads	<b>Qt. 75c</b>
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<b>Peaches</b> Del Monte. Halves, Slices.	<b>No. 2 Can 34c</b>
<b>Pride Corn</b> Cream Style. High Quality.	<b>No. 2 Can 21c</b>
<b>Cherries</b> Kroger Red Sour Pitted.	<b>No. 2 Can 29c</b>
<b>Tomatoes</b> Stokley's Finest.	<b>No. 2 Can 25c</b>

<b>Nestles Morsels</b> Semi-Sweet Chocolate	<b>Cello 23c</b>
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### Festive Fruits and Vegetables IN ABUNDANCE...



**Oranges** 8 lb. Bag 33c  
Save on 20 lb. Bag. 83c.

## APPLES

**BANANAS** lb. 15c  
Ripe, Firm and Golden.

**Mushrooms** Pt. 29c  
Fresh. High Quality.

**Avacados** Ea. 23c  
Fancy, Large and Meaty.

**Broccoli** lb. 12 1/2c  
Fresh and Green.

**CRANBERRIES** lb. cello 17 1/2c  
Large, Firm, Red Berries. High Quality.

**PASCAL CELERY** lb. 9c  
Fresh. Best when full green.

**GRAPEFRUIT** 8 lb. bag 29c  
Large, Firm Marsh Seedless.

**WINESAP** 2 lbs. 23c  
**BAG WINESAPS** 5 lb. 49c  
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**POTATOES** 100 lb. Bag 3.49  
U. S. No. 2 Quality. 50 lb. Bag 1.89

**Brussel Sprouts** Qt. 35c  
Fresh and Green.

**Cauliflower** lb. 15c  
Fresh Snow White Heads.

**Tomatoes** lb. 27c  
Selected, Extra fine quality.

**Green Beans** lb. 19c  
Fast Picking, Stringless.

**Endive** Bch 10c  
Fresh, Excellent for Salads.

**Cucumbers** lb. 19c  
Fancy, High Quality.